

Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering

Goal \$375,000

New Missions	\$124,000
Central Hills Operation	80,000
Garaywa Operation	60,000
Disaster Relief Ministry	35,000
Special Ministries	4,100
National Baptists	1,300
Indians	2,800
Parchman Ministry	20,000
Garaywa Improvement	20,000
Church Building Aid	13,000
Pastoral Aid	10,000
Mission Awareness	8,900

Seven resolutions

Commission asks Draper to name peace committee

The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission meeting in Jackson last week called on Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Draper to appoint a committee to report to the 1983 SBC meeting in Pittsburgh "on ways and means by which Southern Baptists can contribute to the cause of World Peace."

This was one of seven resolutions the commission passed during the meeting in which commissioners approved two special consultants.

The consultants will be on call for church and associational conferences.

Sandy Jones, wife of Paul Griffin Jones II, executive director of the commission, was approved to work in family relations. Jones noted that she would be working with him in marriage enrichment conferences and that her working with the commission was agreed on when he was elected as director. There will be no honorariums involved in Mrs. Jones' work. Jones said.

The other consultant will be John Stone, retired city attorney for Jackson. He will be available to help Baptists in the area of legislative affairs.

Commissioners passed resolutions opposing President Ronald Reagan's tuition tax credit proposal, encouraging better racial understanding among Southern and National Baptist congregations, opposing gambling, affirming "responsibility of Christians for those who are needy," encouraging Baptist participation in world hunger projects, and in appreciation of officials involved in multilateral arms control efforts.

Full texts of the resolutions are available from the Christian Action Commission.

Also, the commission discussed updating many of its printed materials and announced the publication of "The Bible Speaks on Sex, Love, and Marriage," written by Paul Jones and published by Broadman Press. Jones noted that a two hour followup to the book is available on videotape.

Jones, in his first commission address as executive director, said that in the future, the commission would be considering adding personnel between 1985 and the year 2000 in the areas of family ministries, legislation, race relations, and associational relationships.

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Arab Christian is chaplain

JERUSALEM (EBPS)—Suhail Ramadan, acting pastor and director of the Tur'an Baptist Centre, has been granted permission to serve as a chaplain in the Israeli prisons.

He is the first local Arab Christian to hold such a post.

Drought project brings praise

RECIFE, Brazil—A \$50,000 irrigation project for drought-stricken farms in Recife, Brazil, received acclaim from Brazilian water specialists and a large daily newspaper. The project is funded by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board disaster relief funds.

Seven large ponds and four wells have been constructed and nine motors purchased and installed to provide power for the irrigation system for 22 farms. The goal is to provide water so food and cattle can be produced and water furnished to area homes.

Mother and daughter licensed

MIAMI—Members of the University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Fla., have voted to license a mother and daughter to the ministry without a dissenting vote from the approximately 600 members present at the business meeting.

The two are Lynn (Mrs. Ron) and Merry Phillips. The mother is minister at the church and the daughter will major in religion at Baylor University this year.

Though only a few women are in pastorate, more than 175 are said to have been ordained by Southern Baptist churches.

Foundation has strong ties with state missions

By Harold Kitchens, director

Mississippi Baptist Foundation

It goes without saying that nothing Baptists do remains a secret for long. However, it is possible that we have found at least one exception to this principle. For many years, at least on the calendar, the month of September has been designated as "Baptist Foundation Month" in the Southern Baptist Convention. Because it has passed by almost unnoticed, this year an effort is being made throughout our convention to acquaint our church members with the basic ministry of the 25 state Baptist Foundations, as well as the Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee. Bulletin inserts are available to the churches which define succinctly the ministry of Baptist Foundations.

In Mississippi, this agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was incorporated in 1943 with assets of \$13,000, a very modest beginning. Today, the Participants' Funds combine to total in excess of seven and one half million dollars. The fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, revealed that \$709,000.00 was earned for Mississippi and Southern Baptist causes by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. For the first time in the 39 year history of this agency, the double digit figure of a ten percent annual yield was earned. This is an exceptional figure for long term endowment funds, and rates favorably with our sister state Foundations.

One of the ministries served by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering received, coincidentally, each year during the month of September. This agency is the Trustee for monies given to support many of the State Missions causes such as Camp Garaywa, Special Ministries with National Baptists and Indians, and the Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

One of the newest trust agreements established with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in support of Central Hills Baptist Retreat is the "Hal Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund," established in July, 1982, by Hal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Martin of Kosciusko. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide one or more scholarships for a teen age Royal Ambassador to attend one week of camp at Central Hills each summer.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to a Royal Ambassador who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. It also offers a dynamic method for extending the life of Hal Martin, who was an active member of the Kosciusko First Baptist Church. Hal was involved in the Royal Ambassador program, and met an untimely death as a result of an accident when he was 16 years of age.

Yes, Hal Martin "though he be dead, yet liveth" through this memorial scholarship fund. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is actively involved in state missions.

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MBCB approves '83 budget; Clarke-MC merger ready

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted last week to present a 1983 Cooperative Program budget of \$15,071,000 to messengers of the 1982 Mississippi Baptist Convention and they voted to authorize Board executive secretary Earl Kelly to sign the final papers merging Clarke College with Mississippi College.

The 1980 MBC voted to merge the two schools and paperwork is now ready for the executive secretary's signature. Mississippi College has already taken over basic administrative functions of Clarke.

During discussion at the meeting last week, former Clarke College President Lowrey Comperre asked if the

board had authority to sign the final papers or did the documents need approval of the convention as a whole. Board President Charles Pickering, an attorney, said that legally he believed the board had the authority. Comperre then suggested that he did not want to approve of anything he hadn't read. Kelly declared that he would not sign if there was anything in the papers that he did not understand.

By standing vote the board approved Kelly's signing.

In the budget discussion, it was noted that the \$15,071,000 includes a basic budget of \$14,571,000 and an advance portion of \$500,000.

This \$15 million budget is the amount estimated by the board to be given by Mississippi Baptist churches in 1983 to the Cooperative Program. Convention messengers meeting in Jackson, Nov. 15-17 must approve the budget before it becomes official.

All agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention propose their 1983 needs to the Budget and Cooperative Program Promotion Committee which presents the budget to the full convention board. This year's committee consisted of Joe McKeever (chairman), Ingram Foster, R. J.

Reynolds, Hueston Adkins, Marvin Bond, and Bartis Harper.

A copy of the proposed budget is on page two.

A total of 34.5 percent of the budget will go directly to Southern Baptist Convention causes. This is a one half percent rise over 1982, continuing a pattern established in 1974. The rest will go to MBC agencies.

Christian education in Mississippi will get 20.9 percent of the total budget or \$2,850,000 to be divided by the Baptist colleges according to student enrollment ratios and \$450,000 for capital needs of the schools.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will get 65.1 percent of the total budget or \$9,811,735. This funds the work of the board including Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Evangelism, and all the other operations of the board.

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will get \$35,000 for education and \$80,000 for hardship assistance, plus \$60,000 for capital needs.

The Baptist Children's Village will receive \$280,000; Ministerial Education Board, \$77,231; Christian Action (Continued on page 2)

Men's rally pinpoints Brotherhood's 75th year

This year is the 75th anniversary of Brotherhood work, both in SBC and Mississippi. Paul Harrell, director, Mississippi Brotherhood, took special note of that fact at the Baptist Men's Rally held Aug. 20 at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. He presented plaques to two former state Brotherhood directors, W. R. Roberts, director, 1947-1959, and Elmer Howell, director, 1959-1977.

A multi-media presentation pinpointed highlights of the organization's work. The Laymen's Missionary Movement was organized in 1905; the first Baptist Men's Convention was held in Jackson in 1914; James H. Street was elected first Brotherhood director for Mississippi in 1945.

Carl Bates, a Mississippi native, former SBC president who lives in Horse Shoe, N. C., was the featured speaker in the closing session of the rally. His address followed special music by R. L. and Beth Sigrest, music evangelists of Yazoo City, who sang "Higher Ground."

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A Mississippi work team labors at First Southern Baptist Church, Citrus Heights, near Sacramento.

Mississippi Baptist volunteers help out California churches

By Don Hepburn

"We were hoping that we left something of ourselves as well as a few nails driven out there," observed Nolan Brister, as he talked about the work done by Mississippi volunteers who participated in this summer's California mission projects.

All those who participate in the 1982 emphasis on state missions will learn about special efforts which are being exerted to share the gospel with people in our own "little corner of the world."

A ministry to staff employees and families of prisoners at Parchman, a look at the growth and development of one church which was begun with state missions offering funds from a past offering, and awareness of positive Christian input into the lives of young boys at Central Hills Baptist Retreat are the particular areas of concern in this year's material.

A goal of \$375,000 has been set for this year's Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions.

Since 1978 volunteer work teams have traveled from Mississippi at their own expense to assist California churches in a variety of projects. The 1982 teams focused on construction.

This year four Mississippi work teams came to California to assist three churches in construction-related mission projects. A group of six Woman's Missionary Union volunteers were expected in late August to assist in a mission education project.

The work teams assisted the First Southern Baptist Church of Citrus Heights, the First Southern Baptist Mission of Oroville, and the Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church of San Francisco.

Citrus Heights

The Citrus Heights church, located east of Sacramento, was the beneficiary of two Mississippi work teams as well as dozens of volunteer laborers from California and Nevada.

The project was the construction of a 6,200-square-foot two-story educa-

tional building that replaces a 70-year-old residence that had been used the past several years.

The first work team consisted of 17 men sponsored by Pike Association and including men from Lincoln, Walthall, Franklin, and Amite counties. They were followed by a seven-member team from Pascagoula and Moss Point.

The Pike County team framed and covered the roof, installed exterior siding, and constructed a deck and porch.

The second team did preliminary electrical work, installed insulation, installed door casings, and assisted in the installation of a fire sprinkler system.

Volunteers from California and Nevada as well as church members (Continued on page 3)

Cooper rotation marks milepost

By Don McGregor

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, reached a mile post in his service to Southern Baptists when he rotated off the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee with the New Orleans convention, but he is not through by any means.

Among others things, he is involved in a lay evangelism effort that the Home Mission Board has planned for Detroit for next spring. Other plans that he has working make it apparent that when he retired in 1973 as president of Mississippi Chemical Company he really never slowed down at all.

He can't remember how long he served on the SBC Executive Committee, but he said it was 20 or 21 years. Actually, he was first elected in 1959. Through a combination of circumstances he served longer than anyone else has since the present rotation system was put into effect.



Owen Cooper

served for several years before being elected president, and the president is an ex-officio member of the committee. Following his final year as president in 1974, he was elected again to the Executive Committee for two more terms, the constitutional limit without rotating off for a year. He completed those two terms in June.

The question was posed: is there any office in Southern Baptist ranks that he has not filled? The reply was quick: "I've never been an officer in the Woman's Missionary Union."

Perhaps there are a few others that he has not been elected to fill yet, but the list is impressive, nevertheless!

On the local scene he is a deacon, he has been director of both the Sunday School and Church Training in his local church, and he has been moderator of his association. At this time he is a member of First Church, Yazoo City; but his ordination as a deacon was at the hands of First Church, Jackson. Also while he was in Jackson he served as self-appointed Baptist Student Union director at Millsaps and Belhaven colleges.

Involvement in offices on a statewide basis began while Cooper was a student at Mississippi State University, then Mississippi A&M. During the 1927-1928 school year Cooper was president of the state Baptist Student Union.

In addition he has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, he has served on the Convention Board, he has been a member and been chairman of the Christian Education Commission, he has been a trustee of the Mississippi Baptist hospital, and he has been president of the state Sunday School organization.

Longer list

The list of Southern Baptist involvement is even longer. As noted, he served two terms as president of the (Continued on page 2)

The list is long

Cooper rotation marks milepost

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convention. And during his service as a member of the SBC Executive Committee he served as its chairman. He has been a member of and the chairman of the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary, and he has been a member of the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation. During the convention itself he has served as a member of the resolutions committee.

For the Baptist World Alliance, Cooper is a vice-chairman, he's a member of the General Council, and he is in his third five-year term as secretary of the Men's Department. He attended the first, second, and third World Congress of Baptist Men.

He is president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, and he is a member of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

And that's not all.

Cooper has spoken in churches in every state and on every continent. He has visited mission churches in 40 countries, and he has led mission groups to Montana, California, Ohio, Hawaii, and Spain.

List goes on

The list goes on to include positions such as national vice-chairman of the American Red Cross and Mississippi president of the Young Men's Christian Association. His education did not stop with graduation from A&M in 1929. He had worked his way through college before going on to additional study at the University of Southern California in 1934 and receiving a master of arts degree in political science and economics from the University of Mississippi in 1936. He was graduated from the Jackson School of Law, now the Mississippi College law school, in 1938; and he has been awarded the doctor of laws degree by Mississippi College and Campbellsville College and the doctor of humanities degree by Wake Forest University.

Mrs. Cooper was Elizabeth Thompson before their marriage, and she has had a number of honors come her way. She, a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, also has been a BSU director on a college campus. She is now a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College, and she is past member of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Possibly one of her most interesting experiences, however, was sharing her home with the President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, when he spoke at a "town hall" meeting in the gymnasium of the high school in Yazoo City. She spent the night with the Coopers following the meeting.

Other endeavors

Cooper has a lot of other endeavors under way in addition to the lay evangelism effort in Detroit next spring. All are far-reaching involvements, but possibly none more so than that of Universal Concern in India. This movement evolved out of a trip along with others to India in 1976. The concept is to use Indians as evangelists since foreign representatives to that nation must have some usable skill to be accepted. The Universal Concern group has found that United States money will go a long way in India, so the group works to select, supervise, and direct Indians in missions work in India as they provide monetary support. It is not all provided without charge for the Indian churches, however. "They have to put up some money," Cooper said.

Pastors' retreat will be at Camp Garaywa Oct. 4-5

A retreat is planned for pastors at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Oct. 4-5 for inspiration, training, skill development and fellowship. The program begins at 10 a.m. on Monday and closes Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Bible study leader will be Stuart Arnold, pastor of Citadel Square Church in

Stuart Arnold Charleston, S.C. Arnold was born in Bedford, England and began his ministry there. In 1967 at the invitation of the Sunday School Board he came to the United States. He served at the board until 1978 when he went to Citadel Square.

Graham Smith, associate pastor at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton will lead the music during this retreat.

There will be four simultaneous conferences: "Building a Planning Base" led by Joe Stacker of the BSSB and Jack Gregory, pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc; "Managing Conflict in the Church" led by Glen Williams, director of missions in Pike Association and special worker for the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department; "Gearing a Church to Evangelize" led by Guy Henderson, director of the

Cooper is chairman of the board of directors for the Agricultural Missions Foundation, which has its headquarters in Yazoo City. He is also president of Global Outreach, which has its headquarters in Tupelo. Both organizations are deeply interested in providing support for the efforts of agricultural missionaries all over the world, and they provide this support without any particular denominational ties. The difference between the two groups is that the Tupelo organization accepts federal funds to aid in its efforts, and the Yazoo City organization does not. Because of the absence of federal funding, the Yazoo City group, Agricultural Missions Foundation, is free to work closely with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and does so. Cooper said he feels the organization is building grass roots support for agricultural missions.

Lends support

Other movements that Cooper lends support to are the Arthur Blessitt Evangelism Association and the work of Landon Wilkerson in Honduras. The relationship with Blessitt began in 1961 when Blessitt was a student at Mississippi College. He worked in Montana as a student summer missionary, and the support situation evolved from that experience, Cooper related.

He has also served on the board of directors for Bread for the World.

Cooper is a behind-the-scenes worker, but he manages to get things done. He also inspires cooperation. He said that First Church, Yazoo City, probably has the broadest direct missions program in the SBC. Even with support going directly into several missions efforts, however, the church still ranks among the top churches in the Southern Baptist Convention in per capita giving through the Cooperative Program.

Concerning all of his efforts in para-denominational movements, Cooper said he is not in any of that sort of work but that he feels it supplements missions work of the Southern Baptist Convention. He would be happy to be able to turn it all over to the denomination, he indicated.

Cooper says he is involved in the emergence of a different concept toward laymen, and he is chairman of a Southern Baptist committee to study the laity.

"We are all ministers," Cooper declared. "The pastor has got to magnify his equipping role."

"Why not everybody being called?" he asked. "There is no difference between the sacred and the secular. Before a meaningful breakthrough in world witnessing can come about, however, the pastors will have to provide the leadership for the laity so that the laymen can become more effective witnesses. The pastors can't do it by themselves."

It concerns Cooper that in a year's time Baptists baptize only as many people as are born in 15 hours. He has preached in all nations, but he still wonders, "Am I keeping Christ from returning" because some have not heard?

Largest corporation

In 1973 Cooper retired from the company he had helped to organize, Mississippi Chemical. It is now the largest domestic business corporation in the state. The company, formed 30 years ago, was the first farmer-owned synthetic nitrogen plant in the world. Now 50 per cent of all nitrogen pro-

duced in the United States is produced by farmer-owned cooperatives.

"Mississippi Chemical is an idea whose time had come," Cooper said. The fertilizer plants of Europe had been devastated during World War II, and the need was there. Shortly thereafter Cooper helped to organize the First Mississippi Corporation, now the second largest commercial business domestic corporation in the state. Then he helped to organize the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and the Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company. These two domestic corporations have combined assets of about \$2 billion.

Currently Cooper is working on an effort to establish a \$275 million paper mill in Mississippi. Every one of the projects in which he has been engaged, he says, was a team effort. He wants to share such opportunities.

Cooper is a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board of Washington, D.C., the organization that has general supervision over land banks.

Advisory position

Cooper is a member of the General Advisory Committee on United States Arms Control and Disarmament. This is an advisory position for advising the President on arms production, control, and limitation. He also is involved in organizations and groups that are fighting alcohol and pornography.

And any commentary on Cooper must point out that he has helped establish several churches by providing buildings. At one time he owned five church buildings in Montana. That was when they could be built for about \$10,000, he noted. He also bought property for churches in Reno and Wells, Nevada.

"I do not feel that my involvement in the church has ever diminished my involvement in business activities," Cooper said. "Any time I gave to the church provided me an inner peace and spiritual strength that made me more effective to function in a business capacity," he added.

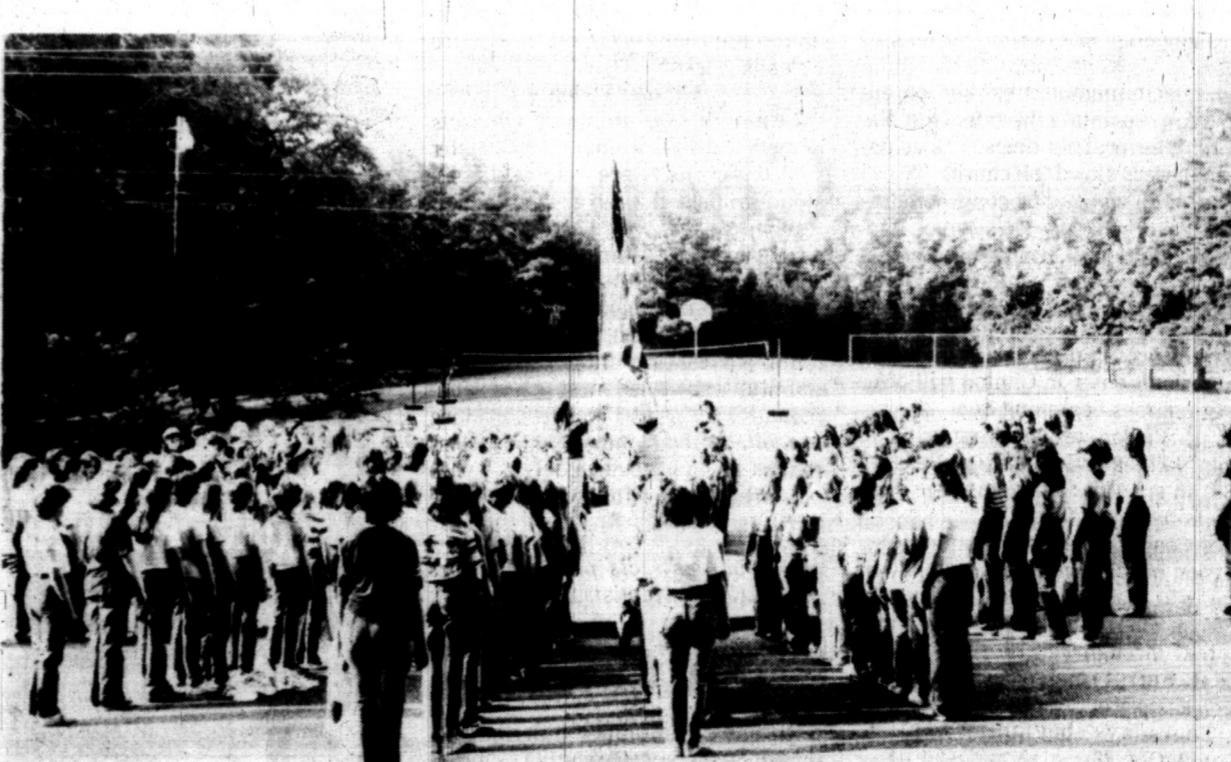
"I have had more happiness in church work than in any other thing, and through it all my family has been very supportive and helpful" he concluded.



CRAFTS — GAs making leather items such as key chains, bookmarks, and bracelets, are Shannon Purvis, Angie Kern, Shana Thomas, Suzette Warrington, and Mitzi Cartwright.



MISSION STUDY — Girls show missionary puppets they made from paper plates.



FLAG LOWERING — Just before sunset, the United States flag is lowered, as GAs stand in formation, according to cabin assignment.

Proposed budget for 1983 Mississippi Baptist Convention

	1982	% of Total	Basic	1983 Proposed Advance	Total	% of Total
INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES						
Christian Education	\$ 2,619,000	18.81	\$ 2,601,830	\$ 248,170	\$ 2,850,000	18.91
Christian Education Capt. Needs	425,000	3.05	450,000	450,000	2,99	2.99
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center						
Education	30,100	.22	35,000		35,000	.23
Hardship Assistance	77,900	.56	77,329	2,671	80,000	.53
Laundry Construction	12,000	.09	---	---	---	--
Med. Ctr. Capt. Needs	55,000	.39	60,000		60,000	.40
Children's Village	265,800	1.91	275,966	4,034	280,000	1.86
Ministerial Education Board	70,855	.51	77,231		77,231	.51
Christian Action	105,100	.76	113,508		113,508	.75
Baptist Foundation	106,075	.76	116,214		116,214	.77
Historical Commission	26,400	.19	29,351		29,351	.19
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	114,502	.82	123,498		123,498	.82
	\$ 3,907,732	28.07	\$ 3,959,927	\$ 254,875	\$ 4,214,802	27.96
BOARD PROGRAMS						
Conv. Bd. Capt. Needs	\$ 384,000	2.76	\$ 384,000		\$ 384,000	2.55
Gulfshore Assembly Programming	110,000	.79	128,000		128,000	.85
Gulfshore Operations	94,000	.68	103,732		103,732	.69
Program Director's Office	95,986	.71	176,746		176,746	1.17
Youth Night	10,000	.07	10,000		10,000	.07
Resource Center	63,276	.45	48,832		48,832	.32
Church Adm.-Pastoral Min.	76,764	.55	85,931		85,931	.57
Church Building Services	51,571	.33	33,586		33,586	.22
WMU	234,830	1.69	248,020		248,020	1.65
Camp Garaywa	18,252	.13	---	---	---	--
Sunday School	258,645	1.86	278,689		278,689	1.85
Church Training	229,036	1.65	248,894		248,894	1.65
Brotherhood	152,112	1.09	159,888		159,888	1.06
Church Music	153,457	1.10	162,687		162,687	1.08
Student Work	492,982	3.54	532,252		532,252	3.53
Student Centers Capt. Needs	100,000	.72	100,000		100,000	.66
Evangelism	90,893	.65	87,845		87,845	.58
Cooperative Missions	238,953	1.72	215,738		215,738	1.43
Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Prom.	157,371	1.13	174,674		174,674	1.16
Subsidies to Associations	108,000	.78	108,000		108,000	.72
Church-Minister Rel. & Annuity	118,200	.85	129,610		129,610	.86
General Services (Bldg. Maint., Bldg. Serv., Basic Telephone, Print Shop)	464,610	3.34	569,701		569,701	3.78
Baptist Record	233,427	1.68	231,254		231,254	1.53
Annuity Participation	550,000	3.95	550,000		550,000	3.65
Social Security & Ins. (Board)	339,000	2.43	394,000		394,000	2.61
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 4,805,365	34.52	\$ 5,162,079		\$ 5,162,079	34.24
STATE CAUSES - GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,132,530	65.60	\$ 9,556,860	\$ 254,875	\$ 9,811,735	65.10
SBC CAUSES						
Sou. Am. Missions Coordinator	\$ 25,000	.18	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	.20
SBC Video Cassette Program	20,000	.15	20,000		20,000	.13
Mission Service Corps, Prog.	10,000	.07	10,000		10,000	.07
Southern Baptist Convention	4,732,970	34.00	4,954,140	\$ 245,125	\$ 5,199,265	'34.50
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 4,787,970	34.40	\$ 5,014,140	\$ 245,125	\$ 5,259,265	34.90
GRAND TOTAL - ALL CAUSES	\$ 13,920,500	100.00	\$ 14,571,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 15,071,000	100.00

Lawrence County meets "impossible"

Sometimes the more impossible the missions challenge, the greater is the response to meet it. That's the way it was last week in Lawrence County. One letter presented a critical need; within four days it produced offerings of \$2,360, and 12 men saying they were ready to go to South Dakota.

The men were to leave Mississippi Sat. Aug. 28 and will return next weekend.

The letter making the appeal was written Aug. 19 by Drew Blanton, associational moderator, asking help for the Baptist church in Wolsey, S.D.

Lawrence County Associational Missions Committee had voted to send a mission team to Wolsey in the summer of 1982, but a breakdown in communication occurred, and they got the report that the Wolsey needs had been met. Consequently the association used its budgeted money instead to send a team to Bettsville, Ohio.

Later, during a missions rally held at New Hebron Baptist Church, Tim Rayborn showed slides of work he had done with a team in Onida, S.D. With these, he showed three slides of work in Wolsey. When Rayborn stopped in Wolsey, he said, he had learned that the work reported done there actually had not been done.

George Lee, Lawrence director of missions, called Ron Hatmaker, pastor at Wolsey, to check out the situation. Afterward, Hatmaker called Earl Clark, the New Hebron pastor.

In Mississippi

Alcohol traffic deaths—"more than fair share"

Citing the national statistics on alcohol-related traffic deaths and believing that Mississippi contributes "more than its fair share to those tragic figures," State Rep. Dennis Dollar of Gulfport has announced that he will prefile a bill for the consideration of the 1983 session of the Mississippi Legislature which would significantly increase the penalties for drunk driving in the state.

"In 1981, there were 25,000 alcohol-related traffic deaths in the United States," Dollar said, "and each state has more than a responsibility, it has an obligation to enact necessary laws to combat this growing national tragedy."

Dollar's bill is patterned after a Tennessee law which has been described as one of the nation's toughest. It would increase the penalty for a first offense to a minimum 48 hours in jail, a six-month driver's license suspension, fines from \$250 to \$1,000 and a year's probation.

Second offenses would carry a minimum 45 days in jail, a two-year license suspension, fines from \$500 to \$2,500, and two years' probation. Multiple offenses would increase with significantly greater penalties.

All offenses will carry a provision for restitution to the victims of any alcohol-related accidents. In addition, any driver under 18 who is convicted of drunk driving faces an automatic two-year license suspension.

Dollar said that he realized the proposed law would be "quite severe."

Baptist backing urged to raise drinking age

By Duann Kier

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists are being asked to join the National Transportation Safety Board in urging the legal minimum drinking age be raised to 21 nationwide.

The NTSB, in an effort to cut the death toll from drunk driving, is urging governors and legislators of 35 states and the District of Columbia (where the drinking age is less than 21) to change their laws. Statistics show a direct correlation between minimum drinking age and alcohol-related accidents in the 18-21 age group.

"Southern Baptists can help in this vital effort by making personal contact with governors and legislators in those states which have not yet raised their legal minimum drinking age to 21. Churches and associations could help by adopting resolutions calling upon their state governments to act," said Ronald D. Sisk, director for program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Sisk said the board's recommendation reflects a realistic assessment of the facts. "More young people die from drinking and driving than any other age group. Each state which has lowered its drinking age to 18 has experienced significant increases in alcohol-related driving fatalities in the 18-21 age group," he said. "People are dying on our streets and highways every day in part because they live in states which allow underage young people to drink legally."

The NTSB is empowered by Congress to investigate aviation, rail, marine, pipeline and highway accidents and make recommendations to improve transportation safety.

(Kier, a CLC staffer, is a former Baptist Record intern.)

saying that a church in another state had promised to put a new front on the Wolsey church and to give \$2,000 to buy the materials. Church members at Wolsey tore the rotten front off their church and poured a new slab, in expectation of workers to arrive. The promised team canceled, though, leaving Wolsey with no church front and no money to buy one.

Hatmaker told Clark, "The front must be on before the snow sets in, or we will suffer greatly this winter."

As a result, the associational moderator sent out a letter to the pastors and churches of Lawrence Association, making an appeal for \$2,000 in love offerings, and 10 to 15 men to go to Wolsey to work Aug. 30-Sept. 3. He mailed his letter Aug. 19. In it he said that one man from New Hebron Church could coordinate the construction and three or four more from that church could go. He threw out the challenge, "Brother Earl needs to know by 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, if your church would be a part of this effort."

By early Aug. 23, five churches had given \$2,360—Bethel, Calvary, New Hebron, New Hope, and Topeka. George Lee also had given toward the trip and helped in the planning. Twelve men had volunteered.

The Monticello Baptist Church is allowing the men to use its bus to make the trip and will pay for all the gas, round trip.



Men—and women—filled the fellowship hall at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, for the Baptist Men's Rally Aug. 20. Barry Landrum, banquet speaker, pastor at FBC, Bossier City, La., is in left foreground.



Hometown Reunion, barbershop quartet from Jackson, rated a standing ovation at the banquet, produced an encore, and set up a bright mood for Barry Landrum, the humorist who followed them on the banquet program.

Men's rally pinpoints Brotherhood's 75th year

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ask him for blessings "according to his riches in glory."

"We resist God," he pointed out. "We won't let God get close to us—like shaking hands with certain women—elbow in the stomach—to keep them from kissing you."

University members adopt internationals

University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, members adopted international students for a two-week period, July 26-Aug. 6. Called "FRIENDS," this

project was under direction of Mrs. Sylvia McCarty and Mrs. Clara Dennis. Twenty internationals from Japan, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Syria were adopted by church families.

Church members were assigned an international student attending the English Language Institute in Hattiesburg where the students were enrolled in a beginning conversation-culture course. The international students met their friends at a reception on the USM campus on July 26. Participants in FRIENDS were asked to schedule at least one event each week with their international friend.

MBCB adopts budget

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Commission, \$113,508; Baptist Foundation, \$116,214; Historical Commission, \$29,351; and Mississippi Baptist Seminary, \$123,498.

Special Southern Baptist causes tagged for funding include \$30,000 to the South American Missions Partnership coordinator; \$20,000 to the SBC Video Cassette program; and \$10,000 to the Mississippi Service Corps.

All funds received in excess of \$15,071,000 are to be allocated to the Mississippi College School of Law to a maximum of \$250,000.

The WMU involvement has been cal-

Mississippi Baptists help

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and people from the Citrus Heights community, had been donating construction labor before and after the Mississippi teams served.

The church is expected to dedicate the new educational building in October.

It's been a tremendous blessing to our church," observed Robert Wayman, pastor of the Citrus Heights church.

He noted that the church has reached a number of families as a result of the construction project "which otherwise we could not have reached," Smith said.

Oroville

The First Southern Baptist Mission in Oroville, located in north central California, was assisted by an 11-member team from the Grenada, Water Valley, and Oakland areas of Mississippi.

The team framed the building, laid the roof and installed the exterior siding during their one week stay. The volunteer laborers saved the church an estimated \$20,000.

"It meant a great deal to the mission," explained Bill Perdue, a layman in the Oroville church.

He noted that the work done by the volunteer mission team helped call attention to the new mission.

San Francisco

The Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco was the beneficiary of laborers in the form of a 40-member single adult choir from the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.

The choir members worked an entire week repainting the exterior of the church's several buildings. The volunteer laborers saved the church \$20,000 in painting, contractor costs, accord-

ing to Pastor Bill Smith.

In addition to the paint job, the choir, which raised money to travel to California, led in two worship services at the church.

The Nineteenth Avenue church resides in a 50-year-old wood frame building and serves five different language congregations — Anglo, Japanese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Korean, and Chinese. "This concentrated effort (by the Mississippi choir) helped us get on top of the maintenance needs," Smith said.

One of the by-products realized by the multi-ethnic congregation explained Smith, was for "our people to see the strength of Southern Baptists."

Woman's Missionary Union
A team of six Mississippi W.M.U. leaders was to arrive in California Aug. 21 to assist the California WMU department. The team, along with California WMU leadership, were to lead mission rallies, WMU orientation, and training seminars in eight churches across the state.

The WMU involvement has been cal-

led the California Connection. The six women who are involved are Mrs. Jerry Brunt of Corinth, to work with Baptist Young Women workers; Mrs. Lee Roy Ivy of Morton, to work with Girls in Action workers; Mrs. Charles Tyler of Collins, Baptist Women leaders; Mrs. E. M. Kee Jr. of Woodville, Aetene leaders; Mrs. Vince Scoper of Laurel, WMU leaders; and Mrs. James Fancher of Coffeeville, Mission Friends workers.

Mission Vision
Although the mission projects helped California churches, Brister said the projects are helping Mississippi Baptists in a far greater way.

When asked why he volunteered each of the past three years, Floyd Johnson of McComb, Miss., said, "It's a revival in my heart."

Another layman, John Newman from East Fork church in Amite County, expressed a similar sentiment. "I felt that I was undertaking one of the most important missions that a Christian could undertake when you are working full service for the Lord."

Hepburn directs public relations for California Baptists.

Seminary Extension to open Sept. 20

The Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center in Clinton will offer three courses beginning Sept. 20.

E. R. Pinson, professor emeritus of Bible, will teach General Epistles (NT 0186) in six Monday evening sessions beginning Sept. 21 through Oct. 26.

E. I. Farr, professor emeritus, will teach History of Christianity (CH 0211) on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 23 through Oct. 28.

All seminary extension classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m.

For registration information, call the division of continuing education, 924-9766.

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Editorials . . .

Drunk driver checks cause howls

The citizens of our state owe a debt of gratitude to law enforcement officials for many reasons, but for sure they owe such a debt because of a crackdown on drinking drivers.

For the past several years the Baptist Record has been interested in and has urged the passage of a bill that would lower the level of alcohol in the blood for presumed drunkenness from .15 per cent to .10 per cent. That measure is now law, and law enforcement officials are seeking to enforce it.

As always, there are citizens who violate the law and get away with it. In the matter of speeding and in drinking it seems sometimes that the violators complain more about getting caught than there is shame from the violation.

Anyway, the officers are trying to enforce the law, and we commend them highly for it. One of the best ways that they have found for establishing their enforcement has been to set up roadblocks. Evidently this is working, for the howls are beginning to be heard.

Specifically in the reservoir area near Jackson there have been howls from the businessmen as substantial numbers of drunk people have been apprehended through the use of the road blocks. They say it is hurting their business.

Let's consider the factors involved in that for a moment.

First, the roadblocks have been established after midnight. At that time

of the evening there is not a lot of traffic around the reservoir, and so there is not going to be a lot of time wasted getting through the roadblocks.

Second, the only people who need to be concerned about such roadblocks are those who have gone past the limit for blood alcohol content. So how does one determine when to stop drinking in order to not go past the limit? The simple resolution is to not start.

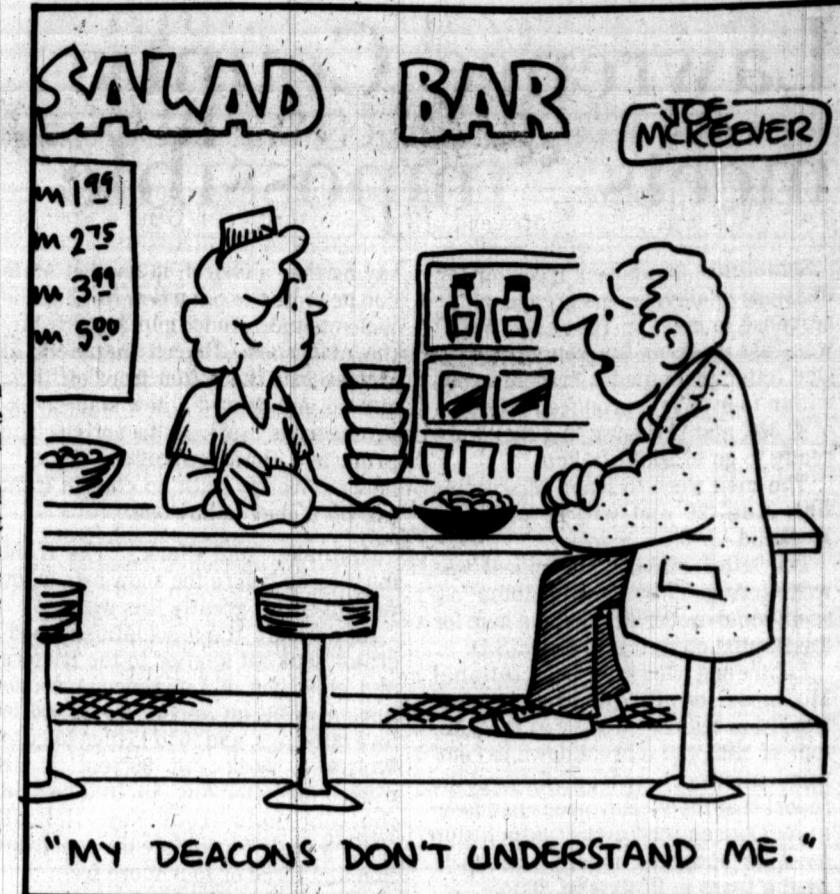
Third, the reservoir is no place for drinking drivers, or boaters, anyway. The roads are narrow and have tricky curves, and some lead onto the dam. There are not guard rails everywhere, and some in some places a confused driver could wind up in the lake. Of course, boating is done in daylight

hours; but a drunk boat driver is an extremely dangerous person. There are no roads to guide the confused mind on the water.

The writer lives at the reservoir and sometimes takes a 15-year-old ski boat out with children and grandchildren in it. Sometimes the conditions become too frightening to be able to stay on the water.

The law enforcement officers seeking to cut down on drunkenness at the reservoir are to be commended. More power to them. The hope is that they will be able to increase their activities rather than curtailing them.

Those who are howling are being protected as well as are those who are grateful.



Letters To The Editor

Public school prayer

Editor:

I agree with you that we should not have to have an amendment to the Constitution to allow our children the privilege of having a time of prayer and devotion in our public schools, if they so desire. The United States Supreme Court says that their ruling did not outlaw prayer in the schools, but in many school systems in this country other federal courts have ruled this invalid. Also, many school boards and school administrators have not stood for the rights of the children who want this opportunity to pray.

Not one of these school systems has allowed the children the right to assemble for devotions. I am not in favor of forcing children who do not wish to pray to meet for devotions, but my children and others who so desire should not be deprived of the privilege to have devotions in public schools. I know of one county school system that has been having a devotion for the students who so desire every morning. This school is under court order and has to have changes in policy approved by the Justice Department. But this school is only one of many schools in this area, and all the rest do not allow their students this privilege. Most of the school boards and administrators are too scared to challenge the different groups who are depriving our children of their rights.

I was one of the great majority that supported the resolution at the recent SBC in June. It was a first time for me. But as long as things go like they are going today, we must fight back. I would rather the courts be told by the Supreme Court that volunteer prayer and devotions are not unlawful and end this matter. But at this point this has not been done. Until it is done I think we ought to do what we can to turn this around. Most of our Christian leaders have done nothing. A few people are trying to help.

Kenneth McMillen

Byhalia

I agree with you 100 percent that public school children should be allowed to meet at school for prayer. If the Constitution does not guarantee this, it certainly is a confusing document. The only difference is that I feel the teachers should stay out of it unless they are just a part of the group voluntarily. It applies in Utah as well as in Mississippi, and in Utah it would be the Baptist children who would have to leave a school-structured prayer meeting. Before long in Mississippi it might be the Baptist children leaving.

But if a group of Mississippi children gathered in the school house before school for a prayer meeting and the principal stopped them, I think we should sue and counter sue and do everything there would be in our power until every legal recourse was exhausted. So far all we have done is try the prayer meetings and wait for the other side to sue. The court is our field of battle just as it is theirs. We have just as much right there and just as much ability to fight.

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We have said this over and over. Now it has been echoed by SBC President Jimmy Draper during his press conference following his election. He was elected by the same people who voted for the resolution on the amendment to the Constitution.

If we exhaust every legal remedy and fail to find satisfaction, then the Constitution must be addressed.

Editor

Mission in Pass Christian

Editor:

One of the newest missions in Mississippi is located in Pass Christian and is sponsored by the Long Beach First Baptist Church. The need for a strong, evangelistic church in that area is most evident: the estimated population is just over 5,000 while the total membership in Baptist churches was only 126 and the Sunday School enrollment was only 58, according to the 1981 Gulf Coast Baptist Association's minutes. Surely, the fields there are "white unto harvest."

This summer the mission enrolled 53 children in Backyard Bible Club. A summer revival led by Leo Humphrey produced good crowds and eleven professions of faith. Since his graduation from New Orleans Seminary in May, Mike Hutchinson has been on the field full-time. One of the most exciting things to happen was the acquisition of two acres of the old Kittiwake property, made possible in part by last year's State Missions Offering. The plan was to use one of the mobile chapels owned by the State Convention and to move onto the property immediately. However, the City of Pass Christian turned down our request for a zoning variance. Our only alternatives are to continue meeting in rented facilities or to build immediately.

We want to build immediately. A small building fund has been established and a "Together We Build" program will be launched in September. A Brotherhood group in north Mississippi has offered to help us raise a building this winter if we can afford the materials. A lot more help will be needed. We would be interested in hearing from interested individuals or churches. We believe that the sooner we can build on our own property the sooner people will see that we are a stable mission seriously committed to ministering to the spiritual needs of our area.

If anyone would like more information, please call or write First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 302, Long Beach, MS 39560.

David Spencer, pastor
First Baptist Church
Long Beach

An Open Letter to every W.M.U. organization

Editor:

We've just received this year's allocation from your Special Day Offering. Thank you for standing by us once again.

Now and then we missionaries feel like we are all alone. Busy schedules, hectic days, and lack of response seem to block our vision of all the support around us. It is when things seem the bleakest that your love comes through the brightest.

Every time I feel that frustration coming on, I think of the notes and promises of prayer. I reread the letters of encouragement. Your continuous support keeps us going.

Of course, we appreciate the financial support, too. Gifts like the Special Day Offering make it possible for us to accomplish things we might never do without it. They always seem to come just when we need it the most.

Thank you, W.M.U., for being there when we need you most.

Paul Vandercrook
Director of ministries
Gulf Coast association

Help for Choctaw church

Editor:

I would like to say thank you to the Baptist Record for the publicity given to our project at Bogue Chitto Indian Church.

The construction of Bogue Chitto Indian Church continues with the church members and Mississippi Campers on Mission working, praying, sharing, loving, and caring in the love of Christ each day as our funds are diminishing.

The Choctaws are excited, and the Holy Spirit is felt near as the days go by with the accomplishment of past work and expectancy of the outreach of people in the community for every lost person to know Christ and have a much-needed place of worship.

There were approximately 95 children attending Bible school under the shade trees in the area where the new

building is being constructed.

We would like very much to see these people in the new church building completed before fall weather begins to be bad. Right now they are having outside worship.

Mae Price
Campers on Mission member

Home for the elderly

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to stimulate some interest in the need for Mississippi Baptists to operate a home for its elderly members. Other denominations have homes for the elderly, and I think it is time for us to have a home.

Recently the Magnolia Dormitory on the campus of M.U.W. here was put up for sale. I know this would be ideal for such home to give us meals and a comfortable room at a price we are able to pay. I know millionaires in our convention who support plans for other ages and should be as interested in the elderly.

We need help in caring for our needs but not in a nursing home. We can pay reasonable rates for these services. Think of this and give us your responses.

M. G. Thomas
1013 S. 5th Avenue
Columbus, MS 39701

The feeling that there is not a need for homes for the elderly is not the reason that Mississippi Baptists are not operating one or more. The need is there. The problem is that there is no way to meet the need.

A building on the campus of a major university would be a lovely place for such a home, and it is possible that some individual might buy it for that purpose. Then would come the tremendous alteration program to make it suitable for senior citizens, the hiring of a staff to run it, the necessity of meeting all governmental requirements for such installations, the maintenance crew that would be necessary, and the ongoing expenses of keeping it open. These are a few of the conditions that would have to be met.

Then one begins to find that there are other people in different circumstances in Mississippi who also need such places to live. Soon comes the understanding that the needs are overwhelming. So, while there has been no official statement, it is possible that it is not a lack of interest but

lives are rejuvenated;
I expect to feel God as His presence sweeps over this congregation binding us into a unified body of loving and caring individuals;

And I expect to touch God as I open the doors of my life and take His hand in a more committed walk with the One who loves you and me so very much.

Shall we experience God together!

Mary Butler

Hamblin to HMB

All of us at the Home Mission Board are delighted with the election of Robert L. Hamblin, professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, as the new HMB vice president, evangelism. Dr. Hamblin was unanimously and enthusiastically elected to the position, succeeding Dr. C. B. Hogue, by the HMB directors on Wednesday, August 4, 1982, effective immediately.

I would urge you to pray for Bob Hamblin as he assumes his new responsibilities, and most of all, to pray that God will use each of us in our respective roles to lead Southern Baptists in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to every person in America before the year 2,000.

William G. Tanner, President

Home Mission Board

Mississippians will remember Bob Hamblin as pastor for more than 20 years at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. — Editor.

Faces And Places

By Anne Williams McWilliams



MISSION STUDY — Lucile Saunders, retired missionary to China and the Philippines, talks to GAs about "who should be a missionary?"

"A drop of ink can make a million think"

"Once I was an MK," Lucile Saunders told GAs Aug. 5 at Camp Garaywa, where she was leading a mission study session. "I was a furlough baby." Her parents were missionaries to China, and she was born in Michigan Feb. 3, 1918, when they were in the States.

Appointed herself a missionary to China in 1939, she had two terrible experiences within the next decade. Following Pearl Harbor she was interned by the Japanese. While imprisoned, she lost weight, going from 150 to 117 lbs. and became ill with beriberi melancholia. Because of her sickness, she was placed on one of the first ships that delivered war prisoners to America.

Soon after World War II, back in China she was taken "under Communist protection" and was expelled, along with other missionaries, in 1950.

Of these experiences, which was the worst? She quickly answers, "The Communists. I'd rather be under control of the Japanese any day than the Communists. The Japanese imprisoned my body, but the Communists tried to take over my mind. We had 'mind cleansing' sessions. Policemen became a symbol of prosecution, not protection. It took me 10 years to recover from my fear of policemen."

The most amazing answer of her many answered prayers: "God took care of me in all that trouble, and most wonderful, he kept me from becoming a drug addict. I took barbiturates for 18 months" (when she had beriberi) "but after the Lord healed me he destroyed my desire for drugs."

From 1950 until her retirement in 1978 she served in the Philippines. For a long time, she and another missionary were "the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Board, and Home Mission Board" for the Philippine Baptists, and prepared Sunday School curriculum and other printed books and materials. She wrote, edited, and proofread in five languages of the islands. "Languagewise I was a walking schizophrenic!" she recalled. "But I spoke usually in English, for each tribe would be jealous of the other if I chose to speak in one of their languages, and not the other."

During her last ten years in the Philippines, she was a consultant. "Missionaries have three roles," she observed. "Young ones are the pioneers; middle-aged ones become co-workers; and the older ones are dubbed consultants."

She summarized the value of Christian literature ministry: "A drop of ink can make a million think if it's on the printed page."

SBC moderates initiate unity move with Draper

By Wilmer C. Fields
director, Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr., spent four hours discussing the need for unity within the denomination with four leaders of a "moderate" group which had opposed his election to office.

Draper characterized the meeting as "open and positive, a constructive first step" toward reconciling factions in the Baptist body.

The Aug. 23 meeting was initiated by Bill Sherman of Nashville, Tenn., Cecil Sherman of Asheville, N.C., Edwin F. Perry of Louisville, Ky., and M. Vernon Davis of Alexandria, Va., as spokesmen for moderates to find acceptable ways to depoliticize the convention presidency as a means of restoring Southern Baptist harmony.

The moderates see in a group whose watchword is "inerrancy" of the Bible an attempt to take over the SBC agencies and institutions through the appointive powers of the convention president. The "inerrantists" generally supported Draper for convention president while the moderates mostly backed Duke K. McCall of Louisville, Ky. Draper was elected at New Orleans in June by a vote of 8,331 to 6,292.

Those present for the Nashville discussions said their purposes were to find ways to end "the annual political contest for the office of the president," strengthen the office for spiritual rather than political leadership, support Draper as a healing influence in the convention, and channel Southern Baptist energies into more important Christian causes, especially the denomination's programs of expansion in missions and evangelism, Bold Mission Thrust.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, who also was present in the meeting said, "I am grateful this meeting has taken place. It should lead to good results, especially in Bold Mission

Thrust."

John Sullivan of Shreveport,

Baptist groups begin all-Africa fellowship

By Robert O'Brien

LIMURU, Kenya (BP) — African Baptist leaders from across the continent concluded an intensive three-day exploration of ways to strengthen African evangelism and education by forming an All Africa Baptist Fellowship.

"The AABF will weld Baptist churches of Africa together in a strong fellowship," said Samuel T. Ola Akande of Nigeria. "It will enable us to carry out evangelism with greater force and increase partnership and exchange of ideas and missionaries among African nations."

Noting that two previous attempts to form the fellowship had failed, Joao Makondekwa of Angola said, "The formation of the AABF is historic because Baptists of Africa now have a body to serve as a platform for an exchange of ideas for spreading the gospel. All things have their time in history. The time has come for the AABF."

Following the formation meeting at

Brackenhurst Baptist International Conference Centre, the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, approved the AABF as its fifth regional fellowship. It also voted \$15,000 to help launch it, elected Akande as BWA regional associate secretary for Africa and set a joint BWA-AABF day on the first Sunday in February 1983, with an offering to go half to the BWA budget and half to the AABF.

The BWA had worked with African leaders to encourage the formation of the new fellowship and sponsored the preceding evangelism and educational conference at Brackenhurst, where more than 130 persons from 27 nations explored evangelism in Africa.

Forty-one voting delegates at the AABF formation meeting elected Akande, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, as AABF general secretary-treasurer and approved location of the AABF office in Ibadan, Nigeria.

(O'Brien writes for the FMB)

Doty Springs organizes first Brotherhood

Doty Springs Baptist Church, Attala County, organized a Brotherhood Sunday morning, Aug. 22, reports the pastor, Joe Hill. Eleven men were present for breakfast at the church and for the organization meeting.

The church was established in 1851, and this is the first time it has ever had a Brotherhood, stated Hill.

Revival Results

Doty Springs (Attala): Aug. 15-20; five professions of faith; Joe Hill, pastor, evangelist; an average of 80 to 100 in attendance at services.

Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Tupelo: Aug. 8-13; C. P. Douglas, Western evangelist; 9 salvation decisions; 5 by letter; Joe Holcomb, pastor.

Liberty (Smith): eight professions of faith; one addition by letter; Orzone Burns, evangelist; Frank Mowdy, pastor.

First Church, Runnelstown at Hattiesburg: July 25-Aug. 1; Millard Box, evangelist, from Neosho, Mo.; five professions of faith; one surrendering to full-time Christian service; Richard White, pastor.

Ashland Baptist Church, Ashland: July 25-30; 19 professions of faith; two by letter. J. O. McLeod, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., evangelist; J. B. and Mary Betts, Memphis, Tenn., music evangelists; Phillip M. Bray, pastor; Ed Sudduth, associate pastor and minister of music.

Congress passes tax bill, church pension plans aided

WASHINGTON (BP)—Congress has completed action which will increase the ability of churches and denominations to provide more adequate retirement plans for their ministers and lay employees.

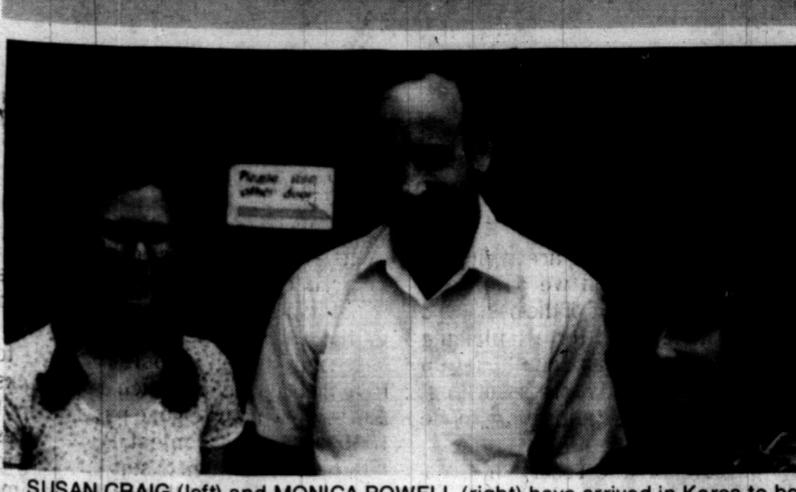
The noncontroversial changes in laws governing church pension plans were included in a controversial tax bill which will raise taxes by \$8.3 billion over the next three fiscal years.

Under the changes approved by Congress participants in church pension plans will be able to increase tax-sheltered retirement contributions in several ways.

Ministers and other church employees who made inadequate or no contributions to pension programs during their early working years will be given the same option for overriding the normal annual contribution limit that current law offers teachers,

Thursday, September 2, 1982

Names In The News.



SUSAN CRAIG (left) and MONICA POWELL (right) have arrived in Korea to begin their two-year assignment as Baptist journeymen. Standing between them is James L. Wootton, principal of Korea Christian Academy, and also a Baptist missionary. Susan is from Illinois (was graduated from Mississippi College) and will teach 3rd and 4th grades.

Jerry D. Jones has been named manager of the Student Section of the Foreign Mission Board's Ministries and Deputation Department. In this post, Jones will assist college and pre-college students committed to foreign missions and will coordinate furloughing missionaries in ministering to and counseling with these students.

Baker James Cauthen will be teaching at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., from Sept. 1982, until May 1983. He and Mrs. Cauthen's address there will be 558 Storer Drive, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941.

hospital workers and employees of home health services.

The new act will treat all Baptist (or other denominational) employment years of service with one employer.

Also for most ministers and church employees whose adjusted gross income is \$17,000 or less the new act will provide a minimum allowable contribution each year of \$3,000. The tax-deferred contribution cannot exceed the employee's compensation.

The act also provides an additional election for church employees which allows an increase in the contribution limit by up to \$10,000 for any year but subject to a \$40,000 lifetime cap.

It also specifies that church pension boards are authorized to issue tax-deferred annuities, a clarification church pension boards sought after a 1982 Internal Revenue Service ruling that only life insurance companies could do so.

At Mid-America, Moseley directs the men's chorus and is a member of the seminary quartet.

Bruce Austin, associate minister, University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is among 15 consultants who will participate in a New York religious education project sponsored by the Home Mission Board, SBC, Sept. 10-25.

The project is to assist pastors and

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Huel Moseley has been named assistant professor of religious education for Mid-America Seminary, Memphis. He has been serving as instructor in the religious education department for the past two years. He earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University, master of religious education from New Orleans Seminary, and master of divinity from Mid-America Seminary.

Moseley has served churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Arkansas. His most recent experience has been as the minister of youth, music, and education at First Baptist Church, Marianna, Ark. He is an Approved Worker for the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

At Mid-America, Moseley directs the men's chorus and is a member of the seminary quartet.

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Homecomings

Pilgrim's Rest near Batesville (Panola): homecoming: Sept. 5; preaching by two former pastors; James Ruffin, pastor, Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church, Meridian, to preach at 11 a.m.; Durell Edwards, pastor, Holcomb Church, to preach in afternoon; dinner on the grounds; singing at 1 p.m.; with Bobby Shurden, music evangelist, directing; Ray Legge, pastor.

Bob Newman

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cooper & Terry

Mrs. A. C. Nicholson

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Grantham, Jr.

Margaret & Carmen Dixon

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Liddell

Mrs. Mabel Nicholson

Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Harris

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Mrs. Jesse L. White

Mrs. Opal Osborn

Miss Vernon Odens

Marian Galbreath

Mrs. Eva Ramalée O'Neal

Mr. & Mrs. James T. Ballard

Tiffany O'Neal

Youth Sunday School Class

Mr. Fred Ogletree

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Skipper

Mrs. Annie Matt Onstead

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Reed

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Jernigan, Jr. & Family

Mrs. Anna B. Holliman

Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Prince

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Lanier

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Thompson

Mrs. E. B. Norwood

Adult Ladies Sunday School Class

Mr. Noel Orelli, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Thomas

Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Anderson

Mr. Melvin E. Tharp

Mr. & Mrs. Travis Thornton

Janet Clark Smith

Hettie Jo Williams

Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Williams

John Thompson

Miss Dot Davis

Theron Thompson

Mrs. T. B. Guinn

Bill Todd

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Spell

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence B. Pope

Mary Anna Pope

Mrs. Betty Touchstone

Dr. & Mrs. T. Scott McCay

Dr. Charles Treadaway

Mrs. T. F. Cleveland

Onyx Trest

Mrs. Mary Nicholson & Beth

B. B. Trull

Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Jones

Mrs. Zona Turturro

Mrs. T. J. Broodus

Mrs. Arlene Varnell

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Rogers

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Ferguson

Mrs. Charles T. Vinson

Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Barnett

Mrs. Mattie Waggoner

Harperville Baptist Church

Mrs. Olivia Walker

Forest Baptist Church

Mrs. Bertha Sampson

Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Hall

Mr. S. E. Watters

Mr. & Mrs. S. Pearce

Mr. & Mrs. James L. Jarman

Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Hall

Mrs. Bonnie Williamson

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jarrell

Mrs. S. B. (Miriam) Wise

Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Berrette

Mr. & Mrs. Harmon Alley

Ann C. Womack

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Weeks

Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Orr

"Buddy" Wooster

Mr. & Mrs. Joe C. McClure

Mrs. Doris G. Boyer

Mrs. E. S. Wyman, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Laird, Jr.

Mrs. Lena Yopp

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Holloman

TEL Sunday School Class

David W. Rogers, son of the late H. S. Rogers and Mrs. Marguerite Rogers of Ridgeland, has resigned from the staff of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ga., and has moved to Briarlake Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., as minister of youth. Rogers is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southern Seminary. He has served churches in Starkville and Columbus, Miss., and in Sellersburg, Ind.

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)— Robert Edward Gilstrap, 50, executive director of missions for the Atlanta Baptist Association in Georgia since 1974, will become vice president for counseling services for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission (RTVC) Sept. 15. He replaces Ben E. Loring Jr., who resigned July 15 to become pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hal Kitchens, was licensed to the gospel ministry on Aug. 1 by First Baptist Church, Clinton. He is serving as interim minister of activities in First Baptist Church, Canton. Kitchens' father, Harold Kitchens, is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. His grandfather, A. A. Kitchens, was for many years on the faculty of Mississippi College.

Charles Gibbs has resigned as pastor of Fernwood Church, Gulf Coast, and has accepted a pastorate at DeQuincy, La.

Clifford Dees has resigned as pastor of East Salem Church (George-Green Assoc.).

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Thursday, September 2, 1982

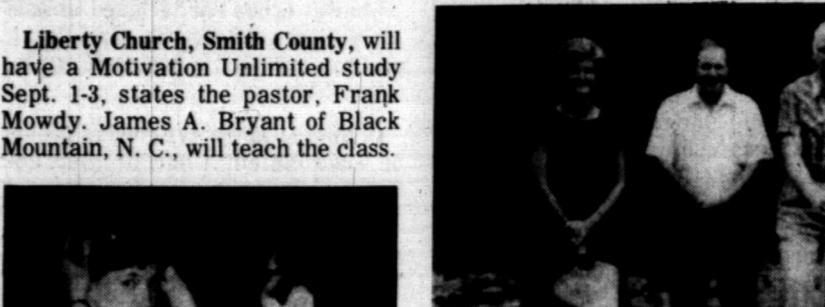
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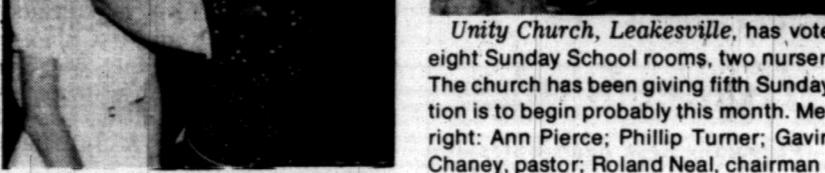
First Church, Rosedale, held a fellowship for the John Couches. Couch was celebrating his 10th anniversary as pastor there. A plaque and monetary gift is being presented by E. E. Holmes, deacon chairman, to the Couches.



SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WATERFORD recently held a note burning ceremony for its pastorum. The ceremony was held at the church with deacons Jimmie Elmore, W. T. Young, John Cardwell, and Melvin Moore participating. The pastor is Billy Mitchell.



LIBERTY CHURCH, Smith County, will have a Motivation Unlimited study Sept. 1-3, states the pastor, Frank Mowdy. James A. Bryant of Black Mountain, N.C., will teach the class.



At New Prospect Church (Lincoln), Lucy Lambright was crowned Queen. This was the first time an Acteen had reached this step in the history of the church. Lucy was crowned by her mother, Eva Nell Lambright. Acteens and their leaders presented a program, with a social hour later. Acteen leaders are Cathy Smith and Glenda Smith. WMU director is Pearl Ferrell; pastor is Ken Kirk.

Bill Mitchell, now of Rawls Springs

Bible Book

Community thanksgiving

By Gene Henderson, pastor,
Fairview, Columbus
Psalms 67:75

On first glance Psalms 67 and 75 seem to have nothing in common. However, closer examination will reveal not only that both are strongly liturgical in structure but also that each is concerned with thanksgiving to God for the blessings that accompany his presence. Psalm 67 contains a refrain in verses 3 and 5 that probably was voiced by the congregation to affirm the declarations by the priest. The congregation perhaps voiced verses 1, 9, 10 in Psalm 75 with two different individuals portraying the part of God and the priest in verses 2-3 and 4-8 respectively.

In corporate worship, thanksgiving was expressed to God, not only for his blessings upon Israel, but the blessings that were common to all men. Consequently, "all peoples" were summoned to join in praise to God. God's provision and protection which derive from his presence are enjoyed to some degree by the righteous and unrighteous alike.

I. God's presence (67:1-2, 75:1)

Common to both Psalms is a strong emphasis upon God's presence. A striking similarity can be seen by comparing Psalm 67:1 with Numbers 6:24-26. Both passages suggest that where God is, there also is to be found abundant provision. Such provision may be produce (67:6) or salvation (67:2). The writer of Psalm 75 also was keenly aware of the presence or nearness of God (75:1). Victory or deliverance in a decisive event (75:2) probably created an awareness of God's presence. Therefore, the writers of both Psalms exhorted the community to offer thanks for God's continuing presence and blessings.

II. God's provision (67:3-7)

Some harvest setting is associated with this Psalm by most commentators. Perhaps it was a part of the liturgy at one of the harvest feasts, Pentecost or Booths. Reference in verse 6 to the earth having yielded its produce would seem to confirm this. However, the blessing of a good crop is but one manifestation of the abundant provision of God.

The psalmist also noted God's righteous judgment and guidance upon the earth. God was regarded as the governor and guide of all the people upon the earth and not just Israel, his chosen people. "Judge" does not mean "punish" here, but "govern." "Guide" suggests the idea of a shepherd-like concern. God cares for all. He causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust (Mt. 5:45).

God's blessings generally, and upon Israel particularly, should lead all nations to reverence and salvation and also to join in praise to God. Note the results in 67:2, 7 of God's blessing: "thou salvation among all nations" and "all the ends of the earth may fear him." As with Abraham, those whom God blesses should become a means of blessing to others (Gen. 12:2).

The refrain in 67:3, 5 confirms the truth that ultimately every tongue will confess God as Lord (Phil. 2:9-11). The refrain may be a prayer, but the grammar will allow it also to be rendered "the people shall give thanks." Regardless of translation, the congregational response of Israel anticipated universal praise.

III. God's protection (75:2-10)

Some recent manifestation of God's power in behalf of Israel seems to have precipitated this Psalm. God's "wondrous work" was declared by men who associated the event unmistakably with the presence of God. Seemingly allusions between this Psalm and Isaiah (cf. Is. 30:27 ff.) suggest the deliverance of Israel from Sennacherib as a possible setting.

God's recent deliverance reminded the psalmist that God is the ultimate judge who has set the limit on men and nations. Judgment belongs to God. He executes it with equity. God is to be praised for his fair judgment. The boastful and wicked may rebel and try to defy God through insolent pride (75:4-5) but their strength ("horn") will be cut off (75:10). They will be forced to drink the full cup of God's judgment (75:8). The righteous can rejoice and give thanks to God for his judgment that will recompense the wicked and reward the righteous (75:9-10).

What would happen if God were to release control of the world? The psalmist recognized the earth already "totters." Amidst the terror and confusion of today's world, all men should thank God that he has established and sustains the foundation of the world (75:3). This is a "common grace."

Mankind of every race shares many common blessings. Therefore all can and should share in community thanksgiving.

Revival Dates

Thorn Hill (Rankin): Sept. 5-10; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Harry Gipson, Pearl, evangelist; Keith Harp, music director; Guy Gray, interim pastor.

First Baptist Church, Pearl will celebrate the Labor Day weekend Sept. 5 with a Labor Day picnic which will include games for children, music, food, a brief worship service, and Christian fellowship. The event will take place under the trees in the church picnic grounds on the south side of the church, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



Acteen Activators from Bolivar Association who represent three churches — First Baptist, Boyle; Yale Street, Cleveland; and Trinity, Rosedale, have returned from a mission trip to Cherokee, N.C., where they worked July 18-23 in the campgrounds as a part of the Baptist Ministries of the 1982 World's Fair. Seated L to R: Linda Melton, Jane Harris, Melissa Haney, Julee Harris. Standing L to R: Donna Fly, Kim Collier, Tinna Kitrell, Vivian Fly, Bernice Hawkins, Denise Morgan, Susie Hawkins.



Unity Church, Leakesville, has voted to build a new education building, with eight Sunday School rooms, two nursery rooms, fellowship hall, office, and library. The church has been giving fifth Sunday offerings into the building fund. Construction is to begin probably this month. Members of the building committee are, left to right: Ann Pierce; Philip Turner; Gavin Breland, chairman of deacons; Danny L. Chaney, pastor; Roland Neal, chairman of the building committee; George Perkins; and Reba Roberts (not pictured).

Old Oak Grove dedicates building

Old Oak Grove Baptist Church, Myrtle (Union County) dedicated its new fellowship hall Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. The day included homecoming, dinner on the ground, and the special service in the afternoon.

Bill Mitchell, now of Rawls Springs

Church, former pastor at Old Oak Grove, was featured speaker at the morning service. Marvin Cox, Union County director of missions, delivered the dedicatory address. Tommy Peters is pastor.

A second-grade teacher has found the perfect way to make the boys in her class be good; she kisses those who are bad.—Audrey Osofsky

Sixteen muscles make a smile; Seventy-two produce a frown. Save fifty-six between the two And keep your wrinkles down.

Tinmin

"Only one life . . ."

1st, Gautier will celebrate its 40th anniversary

First Baptist Church, Gautier, will celebrate its 40th anniversary, Sept. 19. The theme is "Celebrating 40 Years of God's Blessings." Five of seven former pastors plan to be present. J. Lester Reeves, Paul Kirke, Ernest B. Myers, W. C. Burns, and John G. Brock.

A high attendance goal of 551 has been set for Sunday School. The five

former pastors will speak in opening assemblies of Sunday School departments, at 9:15 a.m.

The auditorium will be decorated with 60 plus yellow mums given in honor and memory of various people. This is being done by the church's Flower committee under direction of Mrs. Libbie Moseley.

Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. J. Lester Reeves, pastor when the church was chartered in 1942, will preach the anniversary sermon. The adult handbell choir under direction of Malcolm Flowers, will present its first performance.

A dinner on the ground will be held in the church's playground area.

The afternoon service, "Lest We Forget . . ." will begin at 1:30, with sharing of past experiences and events. John Brock will speak. A fellowship period will follow. There will be no evening services, according to Billy R. Williams, pastor.

On July 23-24, 28 young people and adults from Palmer Baptist Church took a trip to Nashville. The two-day trip included a tour of the Baptist Sunday School Board, a tour of the Upper Room, recreational time at Centennial Park, and a day at Opryland Amusement Park. The group used facilities of Judson Baptist Church overnight.

Devotional

"Only one life . . ."

By Beverly Tinmin, pastor, First, Meridian

It is hard for me to realize that it's been 40 years since I flew a dive bomber for the Marine Corps. Thirty years have gone by since I graduated from New Orleans Seminary. I have lived in Meridian for more than two decades. My eldest daughter has been married ten years. Life is like this. "Tempus fugit!"

The psalmist discovered this truth 3,000 years ago and penned his feeling toward the fast pace of our lives. ". . . they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth."

If this be true, and it is, let us give ourselves to that side of life which knows no ending. Let us tend to that nature which is eternal and provide it with those materials which we will have forever. The little couplet tells us,

"Only one life, soon 'tis past,

Only what's done for God will last."

Let us not be so foolish as to confine our efforts to provide for our half century here while impoverishing ourselves for the next ten thousand times ten thousand years. Discerning minds reject this course of action. Gather heaven's treasures, use them wisely, and they will be yours forever.

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